

Ho-97

circa 1838

John Williams House  
Ellicott City  
Private

This building faces south on the north side of Main Street. Dating from circa 1838 and a part of the West Ilchester tract of land of the Ellicotts, the John Williams House now holds the law offices of Pairo-Pairo.

It is a three bay wide, three story high frame building with its third gabled roof (running east-west) holding a central chimney. Two stone steps in the west bay lead to a recessed rectangular entrance which is flanked by square wooden posts.

The ground floor has been altered to provide a quatrepartite window, each component holding a one light rectangular window surmounted by a one light transom. Otherwise fenestration is rectangular, double-hung holding one-over-one lights, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC John Williams' House  
AND/OR COMMON Pairo and Pairo Law Offices

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 8090 Main Street (Now 8086 Main Street)  
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF 6th  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Law Office

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Olin- Pairo, Inc. c/o Pairo and Pairo  
STREET & NUMBER 8090 Main Street Law Offices Telephone #: 461-1800

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 25-A p.15 Liber #: 580  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Folio #: 344  
STREET & NUMBER Land Access: 3700  
Howard County Court House Building Access: 9550  
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City Total Access: \$13,250  
STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE 1977 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust  
CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

John Williams' house is a three bay wide, three story high, attached framed, gabled roof (running east-west) structure. Two store steps lead to the rectangular doorway which is inset into the west bay and leads up the stairs to law offices on the second and third floors. Two square pillars flank the recessed entrance. A simple wooden cornice runs along the top of the ground floor which is inset into the solid granite rock of the north side of Main Street, creating a narrow ground or first floor and a deeper second and third floor.

The first floor windows have been remodeled and form a quatre-partite window, each section of which is a one light window surmounted by a one light transom. The three second and third floor windows are rectangular, double-hung with one-over-one lights, proportionally scaled and vertically aligned. They are decorated with wooden sills and shutters. The present gabled roof is the third roof. Each of the others were seen in restoration work. A simple wooden cornice adorns the roof line. A brick chimney is located in the center of the roofline.

The interior has been completely renovated for the use of law offices. The ground floor is rented as a small shop. The third floor north windows do retain many of their original six-over-six lights. This floor also features original open bible and cross paneled doors.

In excellent condition, the alterations made on the ground floor do not compete with the fenestration above but blend in rather nicely providing greater visibility to the ground floor shop.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**Ho-97  
Dist 2

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES  
circa 1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This lot is located on the north side of Main Street, an area which was originally referred to as West Ilchester by the Ellicotts.

On April 26, 1838 Mr. John Williams conveyed this land "together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon made, lanes, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, easements, emoluments, and advantages to the said lot or ground" to Andrew McLaughlin. This was subject to a yearly rent of \$36.00 on the first day of June and December. (Ann Arundel County-WS6 22-S84)

On the 25 June, 1847 Andrew and Frances Ann McLaughlin conveyed the land to Christopher Harris "with the buildings and improvements . . . ground . . . and premises." (Howard County WHW 10-277)

Other owners of the house were Henry and Ada Wooten who conveyed the building to James Heavey for \$600 on November 29, 1890 (JHO 56-593).

On February 21, 1925 James Heavey granted and conveyed the property to his three daughters, Mary, Eleanor and Anita (HBN 122-343) who on September 6, 1935 sold the property to Benjamin Mellor and Milton J. Fitzsimmons. (BM Jr. 152-399). On June 2, 1941 Mr. Mellor conveyed the land to Milton Fitzsimmons (BM Jr. 170-347).

On March 3, 1949 Milton Fitzsimmons conveyed the land to Carroll F. Fitzsimmons and the Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore. (MWB 208-595)

On May 22, 1959 the property was conveyed to Milton J. Fitzsimmons by Carroll F. Fitzsimmons and the Mercantile-Safe Deposit and Trust Company. (299-351)

On the 15 of December, 1971 Alice Keech and Robert F. Fitzsimmons conveyed three lots, Ho-97, and Ho-99 to Olin-Pairo Incorporated.

Originally used as a residence, it presently serves a commercial business use with law offices on the second and third floors and a commercial shop on the ground floor.

Architecturally it is noteworthy as an example of an early frame dwelling unit in Ellicott City. Its scale fits into the scale of its neighbors and presents a link to the pleasant streetscape on the north side

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of Main Street.

Located within the Patapsco Flood Plain, it is a part of the local Ellicott City Historic District and a part of the Ellicott City Critical Areas Program Recommendation by the State Planning Department.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Howard County, Maryland  
Interview with Mr. Preston Pairo, one of the owners  
of the building, September 16, 1977.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Lot #14 = 1237 sq.ft.  
Back of Lot #14 = 1575 sq.ft. more or less

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING for the second thereof on the line of the north side of the Frederick Turnpike Road at a point distant three hundred and eighty-nine feet five inches westerly from the junction of the west side of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and the north side of the said Turnpike Road, and running thence westerly, binding on the said Turnpike Road, twenty-two feet five inches, thence northerly at right angles

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

DATE

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

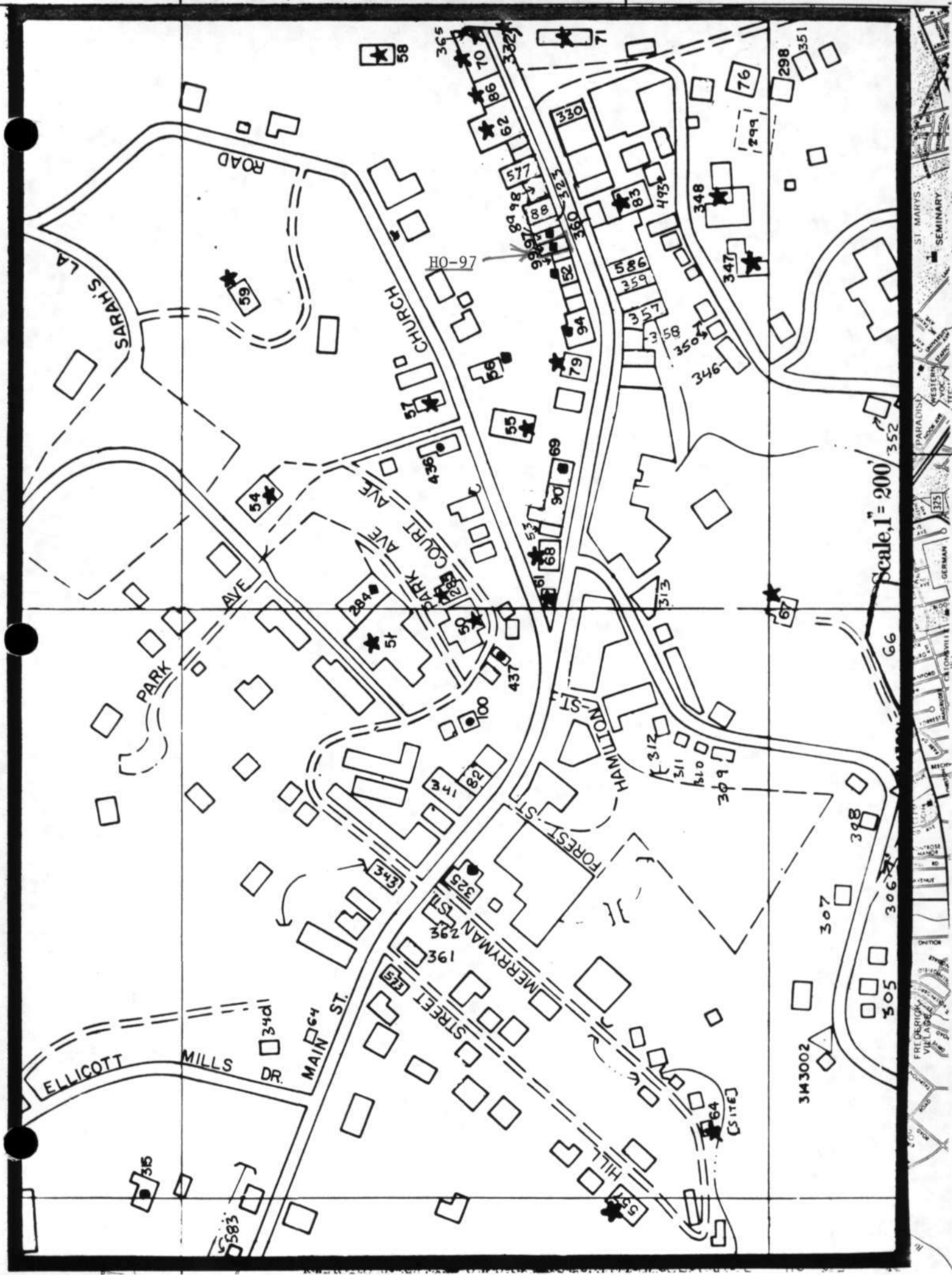
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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with the Turnpike Road north fifteen degrees and thirty minutes west fifty-five feet; thence north seventy-five degrees east twenty-two feet five inches and then in a straight line to the beginning.

BEGINNING for the third thereof at the northwest corner of Lot No. 13 as laid out and designated on the plat of Thomas Wilson's property recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber L.J.W. No. 36, folio 483, which point is at the distance of two hundred and forty-nine feet south sixty-three and a half degrees west from the stone marked "W" and binding on Lot No. 13, south fourteen degrees east seventy-two feet to the northeast corner of Heavey's lot; then binding on Heavey's lot, south seventy-six degrees west twenty-two and five-twelfths feet to the northeast corner of Mrs. Zinger's lot, thence north fourteen degrees west sixty-eight feet to intersect the south sixty-three and a half degrees west line drawn from the stone marked "W" then binding on that line reversely north sixty-three and a half degrees east twenty-two and ten-twelfths feet to the place of beginning.



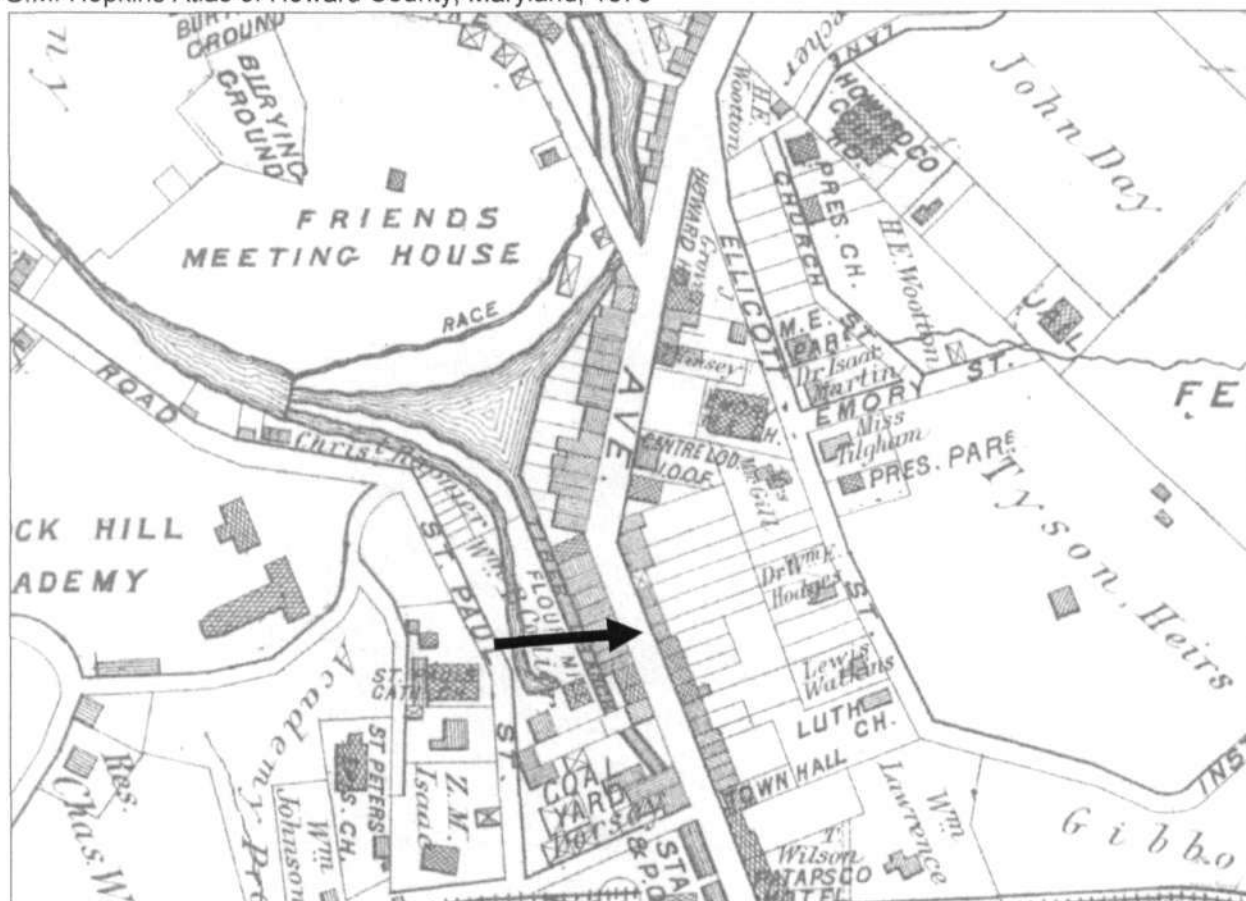




Martenet's Map of Howard County Maryland, 1860

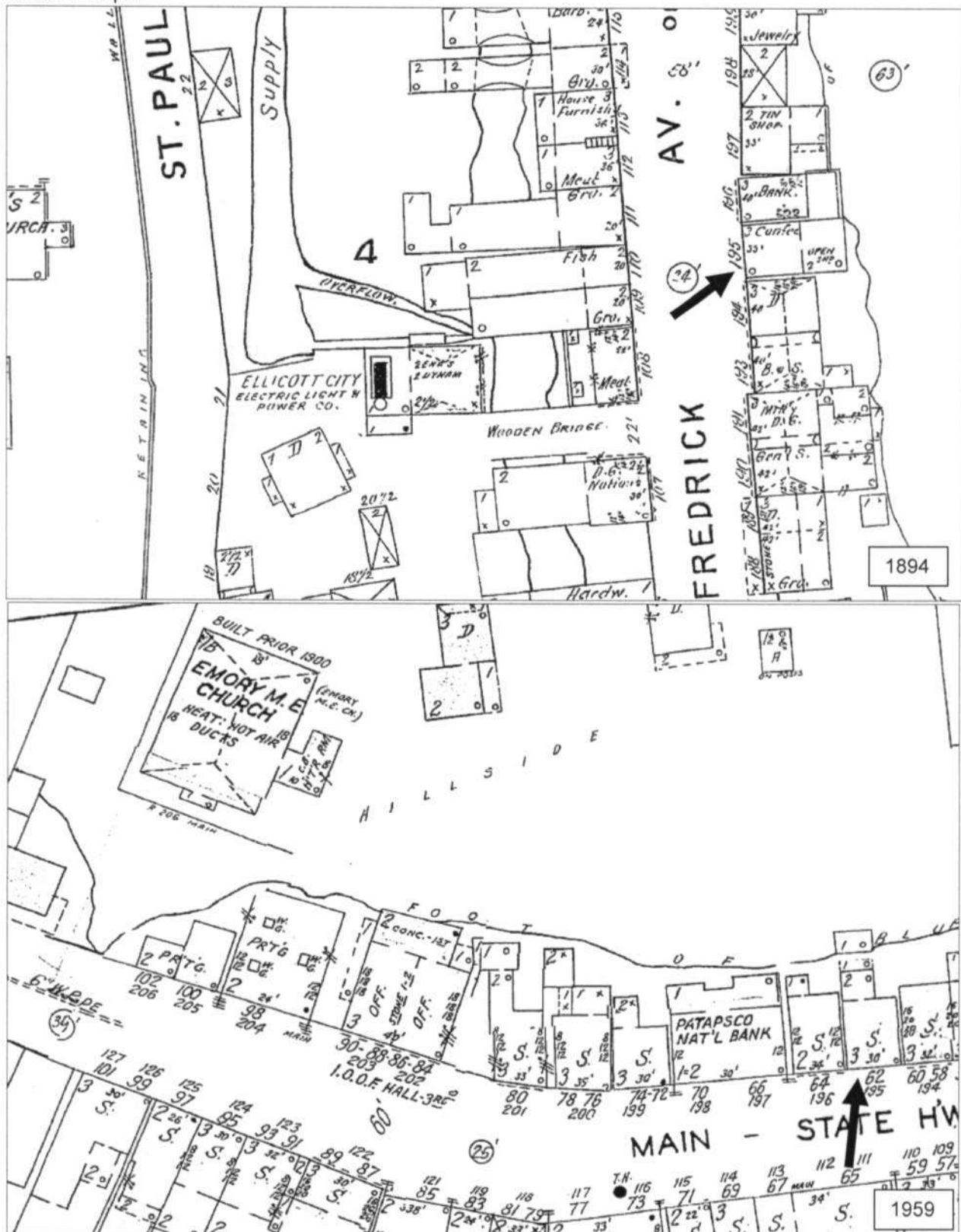


G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878



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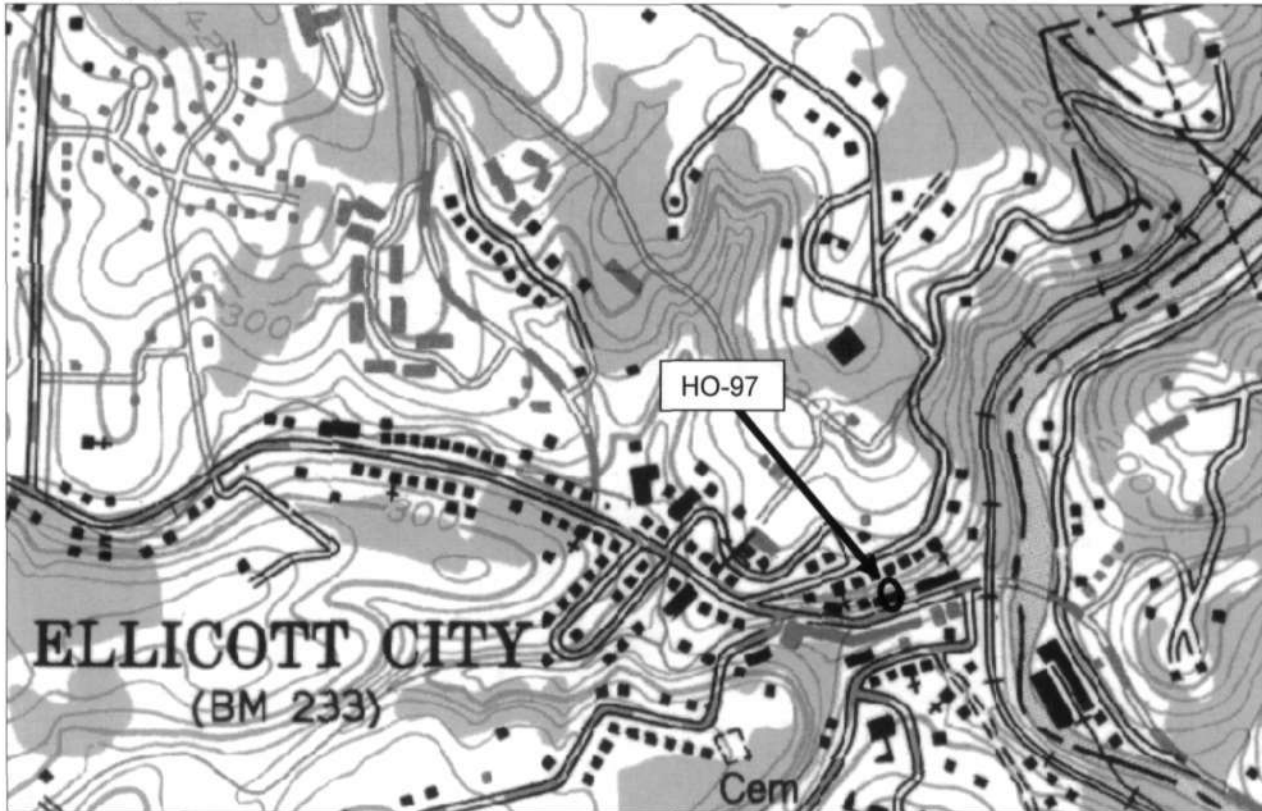


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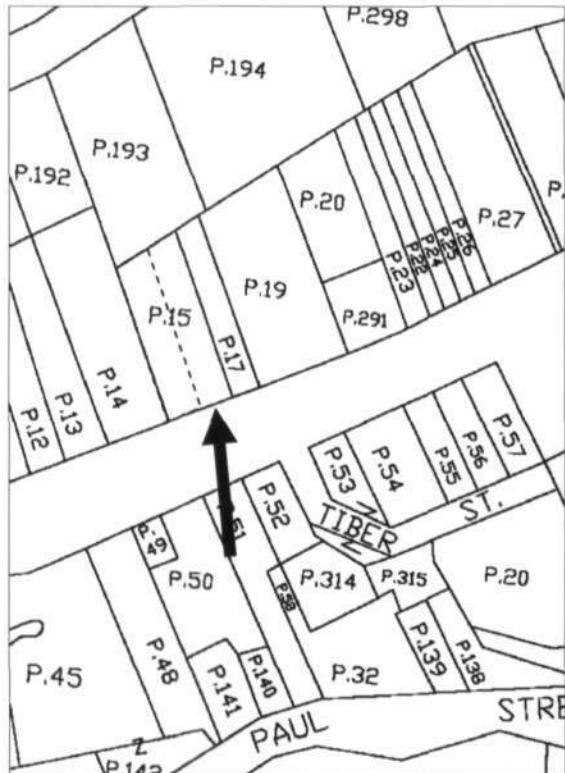
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Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 15

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010





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Photo by Jennifer K. Cosham, 12/5/2012

South elevation







HO-97  
THE JOHN WILLIAM'S  
HOUSE (SOUTH)  
AUG. 1977

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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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John Williams House

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~~frame shop~~ 8086 Main ST

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